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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNIDO AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Corrigendum

Page 3, first paragraph, the last sentence should read

These organizations include the following institutions, both in the public and private sectors: international, regional, subregional and interregional NGOs such as chambers of commerce and industry, and federations of industry; public and private industrial enterprises and financial institutions; public and private universities and industrial research and development institutes; professional and manufacturers' associations; industrial co-operatives and rural development agencies; industrial and trade fairs, and fair organizations; management associations and productivity centres; engineering and consulting firms; and trade unions.

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Another UNIDO programme where there is a major degree of co-operation with NGOs is constituted by the National Committees for UNIDO.

6. National Committees for UNIDO

The International Symposium on Industrial Development held in Athens, Greece, in 1967 had recommended the establishment of a mechanism at national level, or the designation of an already existing institution, to enable national authorities and representatives of the private sector concerned with industrial development to exchange ideas on the industrial development of their country and to formulate recommendations to the government on all questions relating to the work of UNIDO. These mechanisms constitute an advisory body on the development of industrial policies for governments and provide information on all aspects of UNIDO activities. They also enable members of the private sector to express their views on government industrial development policy and on UNIDO activities in their respective countries. They are called National Committees for UNIDO.

In 1981 UNIDO carried out an overall evaluation of the activities of these Committees and a re-examination of their contributions in the light of the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action, and called a meeting which took place in Vienna in December of the same year. The participants, who came from 8 National Committees, recommended the following in particular:

(a) the National Committees should play an important role in assisting the industrialization process of the developing countries;

(b) communication between the Committees and the UNIDO secretariat should be more direct and substantial;

(c) the Committees should increase their efforts to disseminate nationally information on the role and potential of UNIDO and the opportunities afforded by it; and

(d) closer and more active co-operation should be developed among the Committees themselves. 20/

It was decided as a result of this meeting to strengthen the existing National Committee network and invite representatives of selected Committees to UNIDO headquarters each year, during the sessions of the Industrial Development Board, so as to enable them to have discussions with senior staff of UNIDO and to familiarize themselves with the programmes and activities of the Organization. 21/

20/ Report of the Executive Director, 1981, page 158, para. 7.

21/ Report of the Executive Director, 1982, page 171, para. 27.